COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, June 7th, 1886.

The Board of Aldermen met last night in the City Hall. Present: Mayor Hodgens, Ald. Taylor, Davis, Kingston, McDonald, Hook, Stringer, Dawson, Garrett, Boyd, Heaman, Bartlett, Browne, O'Meara, Hiscox and Nutkins. Ald. Taylor introduced Ald. Hiscox, the newly-elected member for No. 1 ward. Ald. Hiscox, while thanking Ald. Taylor for his introduction, believed he was pretty well known at the Board.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From Chief of Police Williams—Enclosing a bill of costs amounting to $98 51, being law expenses incurred in his defence of the suit of Rev. T. O'Connell for illegal arrest. Board of Police Commissioners.

From the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly—Enclosing draft of proposed changes in municipal law to be dealt with at the next session. No. 1.

From E. J. Brodwin and others—Asking attention to their claims for damages on account of defective grading of Queen's avenue, No. 5 ward. No. 2.

From Samuel Crawford and others—Against watering Queen's avenue between Maitland and William streets. No. 3.

From F. Benson—Complaining of the disposition made of his complaint re city hospital management. Filed.

From E. R. Robinson on behalf of Canton No. 1., I. O. O. F.—For the use of Victoria Park for a band concert and exhibition drill. Ald. Boyd moved that the Park be granted; Ald. Garrett seconded. Carried.

From B. C. McCann—Asking to have the claim of Huesten vs. the City settled by arbitration. No. 2.

From Bishop Walsh and others—Against paving Dufferin avenue. No. 2.

From Maurice Baldwin—Asking the Council to remit him a fine of $2, imposed for removing clay from the public street. Ald. Boyd moved, seconded by Ald. Stringer, that the fine be remitted. Carried.

From J. W. Standfield and others—For a flag walk on King street from Talbot to Ridout. No. 2.

From C. Lilley and 104 others—For a grant of $200 to the East End Band. No. 1.

From W. L. Carrie and others—For a flagstone walk on west Richmond between Dundas and Carling. No. 2.

From J. W. Little and others—Asking for a block pavement on Dufferin avenue, between Richmond and Waterloo streets. Ald. Boyd moved, seconded by Ald. Garrett—That the City Engineer be instructed to advertise the work in the regular way.

From J. & J. McMartin and others—Asking for a flagstone walk on west Talbot street, between Dundas and King. No. 2.

From Geo. Fowler—Asking to be appointed overseer of sewers. Filed.

From Olin Orville—Renewing his application for the use of the City Hall. Filed.

From Joseph Durkin, Mrs. M. Ashenbaugh, Mrs. Whittaker et al., R. G. Balmer, Mrs. Moylan, Mrs. Gibbons, re taxes; National Assurance Company, Alfred Johns, Geo. Kettle, Mrs. Mary Leathorn, re taxes. No. 1.

From John Carson, Sarah Tweedie, R. Bissett, R. Waddell, re assessment. Court of Revision.

W. J. Reid et al, for a flag walk on south Dundas between Richmond and Clarence street.

W. L. Carrie et al, for a flag walk between Dundas and Carling street on west Richmond. No. 2.

From the Moulders' Union—Asking for the use of the City Hall for their convention; also the use of Queen's Park for a demonstration. Moved by Ald. Hook, seconded by Ald. Stringer—That the petition be granted. Carried.

From the London Trust—Enclosing statement. Received and filed.

GRADED SCHOOL QUESTION.

Dr. Campbell addressed the Council on behalf of the Board of Education, and said the Board had decided upon making some radical changes in the mode of conducting the city schools. They proposed selling the two schools in the southern part of the city and building one ten-roomed school, which would cost $16,000, and grading up the rest of the schools in the city, and doing away with the Central School and selling the property upon which it stands, except that portion occupied by the Colborne street school, which property would sell for about $40,000. It would cost about $28,000 to build the new school and about $8,000 for a site, including offices for the Board. The total expenditure would not exceed $35,000. The Board of Education would like the Council to take this matter in hand and supply us with $20,000 this year and the balance next year.